

The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success. As a teacher and technology coordinator who works in an inner city school, I can attest to the need to level the playing field and create equal access for all students. Equal Access to high-speed broadband is the key to allowing modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the country.